

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as indicated herein.

Please cancel claims 22 – 31.

1. (currently amended) A circuit comprising:

a decoder for receiving ~~an~~ a memory address within an a memory address space of a processor,
and converting said memory address into a row address and a column address that
designate a position of a pixel in an active pixel sensor array ~~and for accessing a pixel in an~~
~~active pixel sensor array based on said address,~~
~~wherein said decoder maps said active pixel sensor array to said address space.~~

2. (currently amended) The circuit of claim 1, ~~wherein said decoder~~ further comprising a sub-
circuit that converts said row address into a row signal that drives a row of said pixel sensor array
within which said pixel is located, and a sub-circuit that converts said column address into a column
signal that ~~designate a position of said pixel in~~ drives a column of said active pixel sensor array within
which said pixel is located.

3. (original) The circuit of claim 1, further comprising:

a module for receiving a start address and an end address that designates a portion of said active
pixel sensor array,

wherein said module uses said start address and said end address to present a sequence of
addresses that said decoder uses to sequentially access a plurality of pixels in said portion.

4. (original) The circuit of claim 1, further comprising a module for correcting for a condition
selected from the group consisting of: an offset of said pixel, and a gain of said pixel.

5. (original) The circuit of claim 1,

wherein said active pixel sensor array senses an image, and
wherein said circuit is employed for tracking a target in said image.

6. (original) The circuit of claim 5, wherein said target is a star.

7. (original) The circuit of claim 1,
wherein said pixel is one of a plurality of pixels in said active pixel sensor array, and
wherein said circuit provides a signal to simultaneously extract charges from said plurality of
pixels.

8. (original) The circuit of claim 7, wherein said plurality of pixels form a row of pixels in said
active pixel sensor array.

9. (original) The circuit of claim 7, wherein said charges are added together to yield a sum.

10. (original) The circuit of claim 9, further comprising a module for comparing said sum to a
threshold value to determine whether a target image is represented by said plurality of pixels.

11. (currently amended) An integrated circuit, comprising:

an active pixel sensor array, and

a decoder for receiving ~~an~~ a memory address within ~~an~~ a memory address space of a processor,
converting said memory address into a row address and a column address that designate a
position of a pixel in an active pixel sensor array, and for accessing a said pixel of said
active pixel sensor array based on said row address and said column address,
wherein said decoder maps said active pixel sensor array to said memory address space.

12. (original) The integrated circuit of claim 11, further comprising a converter for representing a
charge read from said pixel as a digital value.

13. (original) The integrated circuit of claim 11, wherein said active pixel sensor array is configured of complementary metal oxide semiconductor (CMOS) devices.

14. (currently amended) The integrated circuit of claim 11, ~~wherein said decoder accesses said pixel by converting~~ further comprising a sub-circuit that converts said row address into a row signal that drives a row of said pixel sensor array within which said pixel is located, and a sub-circuit that converts said column address into a column signal to designate a position of said pixel in that drives a column of said active pixel sensor array within which said pixel is located.

15. (currently amended) The integrated circuit of claim 11, further comprising ~~an~~ a module for receiving a start address and an end address that designates a portion of said active pixel sensor array, wherein said module uses said start address and said end address to present a sequence of addresses to said decoder to access pixels in said portion.

16. (original) The integrated circuit of claim 11, further comprising a module to correct for a condition selected from the group consisting of: an offset of said pixel, and a gain of said pixel.

17. (original) The integrated circuit of claim 11, further comprising an amplifier for amplifying a charge read from said pixel.

18. (original) The integrated circuit of claim 11, wherein said pixel comprises an electron well and a gate to control integration time over said electron well.

19. (original) The integrated circuit of claim 11, wherein said pixel comprises a photodiode to collect a charge.

20. (original) The integrated circuit of claim 11, wherein said active pixel sensor array senses an image, and wherein said integrated circuit is employed for tracking a target in said image.

21. (original) The integrated circuit of claim 20, wherein said target is a star.

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32. (currently amended) A system comprising:

an active pixel sensor array;

a decoder for receiving a memory address, converting said memory address into a row address and a column address that designate a position of a pixel in an active pixel sensor array, and accessing a said pixel of said active pixel sensor array based on a said row address and said column address;

a converter for representing a charge read from said pixel as a digital value; and

a microprocessor for providing said memory address and receiving said digital value,

wherein said memory address is within ~~an~~ a memory address space of said microprocessor, and

wherein said decoder maps said active pixel sensor array to said memory address space.

33. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein said active pixel sensor array is configured of complementary metal oxide semiconductor (CMOS) devices.

34. (currently amended) The system of claim 32, ~~wherein said decoder accesses said pixel by converting~~ further comprising a sub-circuit that converts said row address into a row signal that drives a row of said pixel sensor array within which said pixel is located, and a sub-circuit that converts said column address into a column signal to designate a position of said pixel in that drives a column of said active pixel sensor array within which said pixel is located.

35. (original) The system of claim 32,

wherein said microprocessor provides a start address and an end address that designates a portion of said active pixel sensor array, and

wherein said system further comprises a module that uses said start address and said end address to present a sequence of addresses to said decoder to access pixels in said portion.

36. (original) The system of claim 32, further comprising a module to correct for a condition selected from the group consisting of: an offset of said pixel, and a gain of said pixel.

37. (original) The system of claim 32, further comprising an amplifier for amplifying a charge read from said pixel.

38. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein said active pixel sensor array senses an image, and said system is employed for tracking a target in said image.

39. (original) The system of claim 38, wherein said target is a star.

40. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein said pixel wherein said microprocessor controls an integration time for a window that includes said pixel.

41. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein said microprocessor controls an integration time on a group of pixels of said active pixel sensor array.

42. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein said microprocessor addresses a sub-frame of view region of said active pixel sensor array.

43. (original) The system of claim 32, wherein said microprocessor manages a first sub-frame of said active pixel sensor array and a second sub-frame of said active pixel sensor array.

44. (original) The system of claim 43, wherein said first sub-frame has a first integration time and said second sub-frame has a second integration time.

45. (original) The system of claim 43, wherein said first and second sub-frame of view regions overlap one another.

Please add the following claims, newly numbered as claims 46 and 47.

46. (new) The circuit of claim 1, wherein said decoder maps said active pixel sensor array to said memory address space.

47. (new) The circuit of claim 1, wherein said decoder employs said row address and said column address to access said pixel.